

**EDGEFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
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The regular meeting of the Edgefield County Council was held at 6:00 P. M. Tuesday, April 6, 2010, in the County Council Chambers, 225 Jeter St., Edgefield.

Members present

C. Monroe Kneece, Chairman
Willie C. Bright, Vice Chairman
Rodney Ashcraft, Councilman
Genia Blackwell, Councilwoman
Norman Dorn, Councilman

Others present

Alton Brown, County Administrator
Michael S. Medlock, County Attorney
Lynn Strom, Finance Manager
Barbara R. Stark, Clerk to Council
And others as per the list attached

Chairman Kneece called the meeting to order and Mayor Ken Durham gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

Minutes

Motion was made by Councilman Bright, seconded by Councilman Dorn, to approve the March 10, 2010 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council. The March 2nd regular meeting of council was postponed due to inclement weather and was held Wednesday, March 10th. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilman Bright, seconded by Councilman Dorn, to approve the March 18, 2010 Minutes of the Edgefield County Council Called Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

No comments.

Public Hearings

Public Hearings were held on the following two ordinances to receive written and/or oral comments:

Ordinance No. 09-10-618, "An Ordinance Amending Section 91.99 of the Edgefield County Code of Ordinances by Altering the Penalty for a First Offense Violation." **No comments, written or oral received.**

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Ordinance No. 09-10-619, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 34 of the Edgefield County Code of Ordinances in its Entirety by Setting Forth New Purchasing Procedures Within the County and Allowing the County to Enter into Cooperative Purchasing. **“No comments, written or oral received.”**

Ordinances

Third reading of Ordinance No. 09-10-618, “An Ordinance Amending Section 91.99 of the Edgefield County Code of Ordinances by Altering the Penalty for a First Offense Violation” was approved with a motion made by Councilwoman Blackwell, seconded by Councilman Bright. Motion carried unanimously.

Third reading of Ordinance No. 09-10-619, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 34 of the Edgefield County Code of Ordinances in its Entirety by Setting Forth New Purchasing Procedures Within the County and Allowing the County to Enter into Cooperative Purchasing” was approved with a motion made by Councilman Dorn, seconded by Councilman Ashcraft. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Blackwell made the motion, seconded by Councilman Ashcraft, to approve the first reading (by title only) of Ordinance No. 09-10-620, “An Ordinance Providing for the FY 2010-11 General Operating Budget, and Establishing Ancillary Budgets for Debt Service, E-911 Administration, Solid Waste Disposal, Victims’ Bill of Rights, Emergency Medical Services, Countywide Recreation, and Road Maintenance.” Motion carried with Councilman Dorn opposing.

Mr. Sam Moses, Attorney for Parker, Poe, Adams & Bernstein LLP was present to address council concerning this ordinance 09-10-621. This firm represents MTV Detroit Deisel which is the company that just announced in Aiken County. They have three properties in Aiken County that would like to be included in the Multi-County Park under the 1997 agreement. One of those properties is the SKF facility – 50 acre tract of land that the County of Aiken owns and is now in the hands of MTV Detroit Deisel. That property was not privy to taxes and subject to taxation. There is a leased property that the company is leasing outside of Sage I Industrial Park that will also be included as part of this Multi- County Park agreement. So, we are requesting that council approve the first reading of this ordinance.

Motion was made by Councilman Bright, seconded by Councilwoman Blackwell, to approve first reading of Ordinance No. 09-10-621, “An Ordinance Authorizing an Amendment to that Certain Multi-County Park Agreement, Dated July 15, 1997, as Subsequently Amended, Governing a Joint County Industrial and Business Park by and between Aiken County, South Carolina, and Edgefield County, South Carolina, to Authorize the Expansion of the Boundaries of the Park; and Other Matters Thereto

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Related”. Motion carried unanimously.

Economic Development

Mr. Humes stated he understood there had been some questions about the Aiken-Edgefield Economic Partnership and the program. At the request of council, Mr. Fred Humes was present to explain the function of the program.

No resolutions.

Old Business

1. Consideration of the following bids:

Janitorial

Southern National Services (Edgefield)	\$74,508
American Facility Services (present contract)	\$78,505
(FY 09-10: \$75,790)	

Councilman Bright asked the administrator if any information had been received concerning having inmates to provide janitorial services? Mr. Brown said he had spoken with some judges on what we should do to obtain some community service workers – we would have to hire someone to oversee and get them organized in the morning –keep up with them during the day -.....

Motion made by Councilman Bright, seconded by Councilwoman Blackwell to table the decision on the janitorial contract until the May meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Grounds

Dorn Landscaping (Edgefield)	\$22,350
Curb Appeal Lawncare (Edgefield)	\$28,835
(FY 09-10: \$10,900)	

Motion was made by Councilman Bright, seconded by Councilwoman Blackwell, to table the grounds contract decision until the May meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Pest Control

Peachtree Pest Control (Norcross, Ga.)	\$2,284
David Parker Exterminating (Johnston)	\$3,300
(FY 09-10: \$3,600)	

Motion was made by Councilwoman Blackwell, seconded by Councilman Ashcraft, to not accept either bid. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made by Chairman Kneece, seconded by Councilwoman Blackwell, to go out for bids again on the pest control contract. Motion carried unanimously.

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Piedmont Tech

Mr. Jim Klauber, Piedmont Technical College, addressed council concerning Piedmont Tech being cut from the county's budget for FY 2010-11. The chairman informed Mr. Klauber and the audience that a work session would be held at 6:00 Tuesday, April 20th to consider funding requests. And, most of the requests eliminated would be included and at that time council would consider the requests at that time. The chairman did inform Piedmont Tech they would be considered but not the \$149,000 requested.

Genealogical

Ms. Carol Hardy signed in to speak but declined and will wait until the 20th.

Concession Trailer

The administrator spoke concerning the concession trailer at the Edgefield County Recreation Park (Bettis Park). "As I understand the situation (Councilman Bright, if incorrect, please correct me), the Bettis Park concession is currently being operated by the Bettis Park Committee, which is a non-profit 501-C "subsidiary" of the Mt. Canaan Baptist Association. The profits are being reserved for the purpose of, at some point in time, building a picnic area at Bettis Park (Edgefield County Recreation Park). My recommendations are simply as follows: We need to rescind the policy on the facility being a mobile facility that was passed a couple of years ago so that everybody knows that it is a stationary facility and I would like and I recommend that the county attorney prepare an addendum to the lease agreement awarding the concessions to the Committee in return for water to irrigate the fields. I think that is an economic benefit to the county and should satisfy those who have been nay sayers about the current arrangement"

Councilman Bright informed the administrator and council that first of all the association does not have anything to do with the park. The water you (administrator) are talking about does come from the association and they let the county use it. The assembly was set up to raise money for the park and did raise money and the council gave permission in 1994. They raised money and built some of the park. There were two things they had to do: follow the state plan and do whatever they wanted to as long as they built according to the state plan and that was in 1994. I don't know why we have this problem now.

Chairman Kneece read a letter from county council from 1994 stating "council agreeing for the assembly to use funds generated from public and private sources to help the council build and maintain the park and that the park development must follow the master plan prepared by the State Parks and Recreation Department and secondly that the Edgefield County Assembly provides the council a financial report at the end of each fiscal year giving the expenditures by the Assembly for the park." Chairman Kneece posed the question: "What do we do with the trailer?" It was also asked by Councilman Ashcraft "if the fund for the proposed improvements to be made at the park are reflected

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anywhere in the budget as revenue or income”? The response was “no”. “O.K., so we really don’t know what they are making, what they are spending or what they have in reserves? That is the problem that I have had for the last twelve months.”

Chairman Kneece’s motion was to sell the trailer. Councilwoman Blackwell seconded the motion. Appointed to a committee were Councilman Ashcraft, Councilman Dorn and the Recreation Director Nick Wates to come back to council at the next meeting night with some feasible solution.

Ordinance from Planning & Zoning

The Edgefield County Planning Commission approved an ordinance on *Planned Development District* to be submitted to county council for review and approval. The chairman’s suggestion was to send the ordinance back to the Planning Commission for completion (put in ordinance form) and then bring back to council after the county attorney has reviewed it. Councilwoman Blackwell would like to see the complete ordinance before it is presented to council.

Claims approved as follows:

A. PAYROLL: 2/22/10 thru 3/07/10

Regular.....\$224,325.02
Bailiff.....\$50.00

B. PAYROLL: 3/08/10 thru 3/21/10

Regular.....\$220,244.70
Bailiff.....\$50.00
Bailiffs.....\$750.00

Bonus.....\$10,000.00

Election Commission.....\$1,820.13

B. General Operating.....\$735,116.86

No executive session.

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There being no further business, Councilman Dorn made the motion to adjourn. A budget work session is scheduled for 6:00 P. M. Tuesday, April 20th. The next regular council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 4th, in the council chambers.

C. Monroe Kneece, Chairman

Willie C. Bright, Vice Chairman

Rodney Ashcraft, Councilman

Regenia Blackwell, Councilwoman

Norman Dorn, Councilman

ATTEST

Barbara R. Stark, Clerk to Council